

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE VOTERS FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009.

WHEREAS, Section 13307 of the California Elections Code provides that the governing body of any local agency may adopt regulations pertaining to materials prepared by any candidate for a municipal election, including costs of the candidate's statement.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS. Pursuant to Section 13307 of the California Elections Code, each candidate for elective office to be voted for at an election to be held in the City of Santa Barbara on November 3, 2009, may prepare a candidate's statement on an appropriate form provided by the City Clerk's Office.

The statement may include the name, age, and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate himself or herself. The statement shall not include party affiliation of the candidate, nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.

The statement in typewritten form shall be filed in the City Clerk's Office at the time the candidate's nomination papers are filed. The statement may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5:30 p.m. of the next working day after the close of the nomination period.

SECTION 2. FOREIGN LANGUAGE POLICY. Pursuant to the Federal Voting Rights Act, the City is required to translate candidate statements into Spanish.

SECTION 3. PAYMENT. There will be no charge to the candidate for the printing, handling, translating, and mailing of the candidate's statement.

SECTION 4. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS. No candidate will be permitted to include additional materials in the sample ballot package.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall provide each candidate or the candidate's representative a copy of this Resolution at the time nominating petitions are issued.

SECTION 6. That this resolution shall apply at the next ensuing municipal election and at each municipal election after that time unless revised by a subsequent resolution of this Council.